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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED DECEMBER 1, 2008

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 1, 2008 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper and
- Remarks/Arguments, which begin on page 5 of this paper.